3DVC_Green2_WOWFactor

The WOW factor

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2nd round of breakout sessions

~ 8 in attendance

Goodsell opened the meeting and mentioned that he started to incorporate biological data just when computer graphics was taking off. It takes him ~1 week to draw each picture (after building up data/energy to do it)!

Notes:

- 1. Augmented reality is amazing
- 2. Should the 'WOW' factor be a part of our research efforts?
- 3. Stigma associated with the 'glitz' factor --> have to be clear about the forum the WOW is being applied to
- 4. Keep data and presentation BIAS free. How can u remain unbiased while WOWing?
- 5. Researchers sometimes dumb results down too much. The public can handle more than 2 blobs interacting.
- 6. American society for cell biology --> Made T-shirts. Was very successful.
- 7. Airports in chicago + San Diego? Research presented there and public aware of it and enjoyed it. --> Captive audience
- 8. Don't be afraid of a vacuum / white space on the sheet.
- 9. Be culturally sensitive
- WOW factor needs to be tied to social significance or at least help understand the world
- 11. 20 slides in 20 seconds --> can scientists leverage this presentation format? Pecha kucha? Universities should have these every night. The public is paying for this work.
 - a. Others: is this distracting to the primary goal?
 - b. Others: Can dedicate a specific committed time for these sorts of activities
 - c. Should this be the dedicated focus of 1 or more people on the research project?
 - d. They can be saved and presented on the internet like Ted talks.
- 12. Conferences open to the public? High school or undergraduates especially.
- 13. What role do scientific magazines play in the WOW factor?
- 14. How can the models get to the illustrators?
- 15. Maya + PDB --> a tough connection to forge
- 16. Arthur Olson --> molecular modeling software and methods are not on the same level as Hollywood. Hollywood + molecular modeling packages converging on Python though. Python could be the unifying link to the high end Hollywood animation software. Work with Hollywood to make sure science is portrayed accurately --> Scientists as movie consultants. --> Hollywood already has the WOW factor.

- 17. The WOW factor should not be ignored in science museums
- 18. The WOW factor takes a lot of time.
- 19. Good first step: Leverage the 10 year anniversary of human genome sequence publication
- 20. 2019: 50th anniversary of manned mooned missions --> World event! Science should be in the forefront. NASA does communication well. They have an extra special cool factor though....
- 21. Art and science need to be sold together